

December 12, 2013

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

ROBERT E. AUFULDISH, PRESIDENT
JUDY MORAN, COMMISSIONER
DANIEL P. TROY, COMMISSIONER
AMY ELSZASZ, CLERK

JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
LEGAL COUNSEL
JOEL DIMARE, BUDGET DIRECTOR
NEWS MEDIA

(Tape 2013-1212)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Aufuldish called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m., December 12, 2013.

ROLL CALL: Upon the roll being called all were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the minutes of the regular meeting of November 26, 2013 and the minutes of the special meeting of December 2, 2013 were approved as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Aufuldish asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. No one present wished to address the Board.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TEMPORARY AND STANDARD HIGHWAY EASEMENTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CASHEN ROAD IN MADISON TOWNSHIP (20131212E01)(E-11)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

2. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR THE VROOMAN ROAD – STATE ROUTE 86 – ROUNDABOUT PROJECT WITH JTO, INC. (20131212E02)(E-3)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy.

Commissioner Aufuldish asked if this was the end of the expenditures for the project and County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills, reported there may be one minor adjustment at the end of the year.

Commissioner Troy explained that most of the change order are \$200,000 in deductions, so the project is coming in below the engineer's estimate.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

3. **RESOLUTION TO CLOSE A FUND BY INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM KIRTLAND CITY SEWERS 284S TO LCDU SEWER DISTRICT (20131212U01)(UT-2)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

4. **RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS FROM LCDU SOLID WASTE DISTRICT SALARIES TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-CONSULTANTS (20131212U02)(UT-2)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

5. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH CT CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR SR 91 & 84 WATER BOOSTER STATION & RESERVOIR UPGRADE 350W (20131212U03)(UT-4)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

6. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT RESIGNATION OF RICHARD DOUGLAS FROM HIS POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT WITH THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 28, 2013 (20131212U04)(UT-3)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

7. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT RESIGNATION OF THOMAS ERKKILA FROM HIS POSITION OF LEAD OPERATOR WITH THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2013 (20131212U05)(UT-3)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

8. **RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20131212U06)(UT-7)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

9. **RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$183,172.59 TO HALLMARK EXCAVATING, INC. FOR OAKRIDGE DRIVE SANITARY RELIEF SEWER PROJECT 348--S (20131212U07)(UT-8)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy.

Commissioner Aufuldish explained that this bid was 16% below the engineer's estimate.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

10. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING KEVIN J. VANATTA TO THE POSITION OF SUPPORT OFFICER 1 IN THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION OF THE LAKE COUNTY**

**DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 16, 2013
(20131212\JFS01)(JFS-4)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy.

Commissioner Aufuldish reported that this resolution and the next two are for replacement hires.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

11. RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARIA COLON TO THE POSITION OF SUPPORT OFFICER 1 IN THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 16, 2013 (20131212\JFS02)(JFS-4)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

12. RESOLUTION APPOINTING AMANDA M. LAIDMAN TO THE POSITION OF SOCIAL SERVICES WORKER 3 IN THE CHILDREN SERVICES DIVISION OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 16, 2013 (20131212\JFS03)(JFS-4)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

13. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REVISED COMPENSATION POLICIES FOR CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 18, 2013 (20131212\JFS04)(JFS-4)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

14. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT DECEMBER 20, 2013, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$441,882.35 (20131212\JFS05)(JFS-14)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

15. RESOLUTION APPOINTING VARIOUS MEMBERS TO THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOR FOUR YEAR TERMS COMMENCING WITH THE ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING IN JANUARY, 2014 (20131212\C01)(B-49)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy.

Commissioner Troy indicated those who are being appointed to the Board.

Gary W. Humble	Third Term	January, 2014 to January, 2018
Tom Hunter	Second Term	January, 2014 to January, 2018
Thomas J. Tarantino	Second Term	January, 2014 to January, 2018

The Board consists of seven people who are limited to 3 four-year terms by law. The Commissioners appoint five members and Probate Court appoints two members.

Commissioner Aufuldish thanked them for serving on the Board.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

16. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF AND LAKE COUNTY FAMILY PRACTICE TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES TO INMATES OF THE LAKE COUNTY JAIL, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014 (20131212\C02)(CT-10a)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy.

Commissioner Troy thanked the Sheriff's Department for negotiating this contract with Lake County Family Practice. One of our requirements by law is to provide medical services to individuals held in the jail and this contract is more cost-effective.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

17. RESOLUTION CHANGING THE REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2013 TO WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013 AT 10:00 A.M. (20131212\C03)(C-107)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

18. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A TWELVE (12) MONTH SELF-FUNDED HEALTH CARE AGREEMENT WITH ANTHEM BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014 (20131212\C04)(INS)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy.

Mr. Margalis, Director of Administrative Services, explained that the County is entering the third year of a 3-year agreement with Anthem. RFP's will be sent out for 2015 after July 2014. Anthem has proven to be a good company to work with. The Wellness Program is included in the Anthem contract.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

19. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH SUN LIFE FINANCIAL, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014 (20131212\C05)(INS)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

20. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR STOP LOSS INSURANCE WITH RELIASTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT SELF-INSURED MEDICAL BENEFIT PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014 (20131212\C06)(INS)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy.

Mr. Margalis explained that the County is contracting with ReliaStar for Stop Loss Insurance for medical and prescription coverage combined with a \$250,000 ceiling. Anything over that amount falls into the Stop Loss coverage. This is bid out every year. There was a 15% increase from last year's claims because there were a few claims that came in over \$250,000 in 2013. The County is working on some changes to the plan design to help with future high cost claims.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

21. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LAKE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT, OHIO EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (20131212\C07)(304-EAP)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy.

Mr. Margalis explained that the County decided to look for a new and separate EPA program and came across Summit County's EPA Program called Ease at Work. The County will save 23% partnering with Summit County. An EAP Program is an Employee Assistance Program that assists employees with financial and personal issues, and provides counselors for grief, relationships, as well as supervisory training.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

22. **RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,557,641.60 (20131212\BC01)(C-4)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

23. **RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$680,076.33 (20131212\BC02)(C-17)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

24. **RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20131212\BC03)(C-111)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

25. **RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20131212\BC04)(C-111)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

26. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2014 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION MEASURE FOR THE GENERAL FUND (20131212\BC05)(C-111)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy.

Commissioner Troy explained all spending authority in the County expires December 31, 2013 and we have until April 1, 2014 to pass the final budget. We like to see one set of books closed before we finalize the next set. This resolution provides spending authority for all county departments under the General Fund until March 31, 2014. The County will not need that long of a period to operate under a temporary budget. The temporary budget includes approximately a quarter of the annual expenditures and it is 2% higher in 2014 than in 2013. These dollars are now available until the permanent budget is adopted.

Commissioner Aufuldish thanked all the Department Heads and Elected Officials for being pro-active in creating a budget that is not out of proportion to what will be available to spend.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES - none

STORMWATER - none

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES - none

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Mr. Jason Boyd, County Administrator, reported that he and many other County officials recently attended the CCAO/CEAO Ohio Commissioners Annual Winter Conference and he brought back a lot of information and thinks that Lake County is ahead of the curve on many items from capital to programming. He takes a lot of pride in Lake County.

Commissioner Troy reported that he moderated a session and agreed that the conference was very informative. There are many great things that Lake County has in place that other counties would like to implement.

Commissioner Troy mentioned that the resolution for the spending authority for everything outside of the General Fund will be on the agenda for the next Commissioners Meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 2013.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - none

FINANCE - none

CLERK - none

LEGAL - none

OLD BUSINESS: - none

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Troy congratulated the Kirtland Hornets on their State Championship and the Mentor Cardinals on coming so close again. He stated that he also attended the National Association of Counties conference last week and was proud to say at the time that Lake County was home to two of the remaining 14 schools in the State Championship finals. He reported that the focus of the national conference in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was on disaster recovery and the importance of having a plan in place and occasional practice drills. Lake County has had plans and drill exercises for many years because of the Nuclear Power Plant, and is well prepared for disasters as a result.

Commissioner Troy reported that the Ohio House approved S.B. 200 that included the amendment that would change the formula for voting machines by a bipartisan vote. Without this change, it would have cost the County between \$120,000 to \$200,000 in additional machines. He testified in front of the Senate and House Committees explaining that people have many opportunities to vote absentee and vote early, and to force Counties to spend money on machines that are not needed does not make sense. He will be vigilant and continue to watch the other bills that relate to elections as they go through the process, and will speak out again if he feels Lake County is being negatively impacted.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Aufuldish asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. John Muzik, Painesville Township resident, reported that he traveled through the roundabout in Leroy and he thought that it turned out nice.

Mr. Muzik stated that he recently read some articles about Medicaid Expansion and the problems with the State and Federal governments networks not interfacing. Until the problem is resolved it sounded like the burden falls to the Counties to do more hands on work. He asked how much of a burden is Medicaid Expansion on Lake County?

Mr. Battiato, Job & Family Services Director, explained the federal website still has challenges working with the state site. Any applications that are submitted over the internet are pending until the issues are fixed. The program will not be effective until January 1, 2014. He explained that Medicaid Expansion will create more work for public assistance employees to determine eligibility. The State has a formula to allocate federal money for the increased number of medicaid applications coming through the County.

Commissioner Aufuldish reported that the next Lake County Commissioners Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Legal, Pending Litigation
- Personnel, Compensation and Discipline

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board convened an Executive Session at 2:32 pm to discuss legal matters pertaining to imminent litigation, with the vote as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

The Lake County Board of Commissioners recessed Executive Session at 2:35 pm.
The Lake County Board of Commissioners reconvened Executive Session at 3:36 pm.

On a motion of Commissioner Moran seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board terminated the Executive Session at 3:36 pm, with the vote as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

ADJOURN: On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board adjourned the meeting at 3:37 pm, with the vote as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this thirtieth day of December, 2013.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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